

County of Sonoma Junior Commission on the Status of Women Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Email: _____

School: _____ Current Grade: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____ Parent/Guardian Email: _____

Parent/Guardian Phone: _____

The County of Sonoma Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) began a youth mentorship program in 1993 for high school students aged 14-18. This program is designed to develop and mentor youth for leadership roles in our community by:

- Providing youth with the opportunity to participate in advocacy and take an active role in County government.
- Creating opportunities for youth to develop communication, facilitation and presentation skills.
- Educating high school aged youth about issues that impact the lives of women and girls.
- Empowering youth to make a positive impact on their communities.
- Endeavoring to empower you to develop leadership skills and strengthen self-esteem.

Youth are selected each spring to serve as Junior Commissioners for the following school year. Selection is based on a written application and an interview process.

Please respond to the following questions:

1. Why do you want to be part of the Junior Commission?

2. What are your educational, personal and career goals?

3. What talents, skills, and/or personal experiences will you bring to the Project?

4. What issues related to the rights of women and girls are important to you?

Please indicate you are willing to commit to the following expectations (please check boxes):

- Commit to the project for one nine-month term – concurrent with the school year – 3rd Monday of each month 5.00-7.00 (on the County Campus in Santa Rosa). An 80% attendance rate is expected.
- Attend the Junior and Parent/Guardian Orientation on August 21, 2017 at 5.00pm.
- Attend the September 14, 2017 meeting of the County of Sonoma Commission on the Status of Women; 6.00pm at 2550 Ventura Avenue, Santa Rosa, 95403.
- Assist with at least one Commission event
- Contribute to an ad hoc committee on a community service event/project.
- Attend an all-day field trip to Sacramento to meet with legislators.
- Give input to the Commission regarding issues related to women and girls.
- Share Commission news with their school and community.
- Spend 6-8 hours a month on this project and Junior Commission activities.
- Communicate promptly with staff and fellow juniors.

Full attendance by each Junior Commissioner is essential to the success of the full Commission. By signing below, you agree to make that commitment.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please submit your completed and signed application to the Commission on the Status of Women to 575 Administration Drive, Suite 116B, Santa Rosa, 95403; or by fax to (707) 565-3770; or by email to csw@sonoma-county.org. Applications for the 2017-2018 term are due May 1, 2017. Interviews will be held the last two weeks of May.

For more information please visit www.sococsw.org or contact the Commission Office at (707)565-2821, or email csw@sonoma-county.org